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WHOLE TRUTHS AND HALF

(Okechanta, Fla., Dec. 12, 1924.)
Dear Mr. Sharp: Am sending the enclosed in case you missed seeing it in the Palm Beach Post of December 5. In plain United States this article from the Post as much as says we are all liars and what you have been printing is lies. The fact is that Mr. Ward has about 50 acres of extra high land in the custard apple, in section 13, and has it in cultivation.

I do not think Mr. Ward is the kind of man who would show these photographs and make the statements that are credited to him in the article and not explain also that he was one of the few who had such high land, or that he would lead the Chamber of Commerce to believe that most of the Glades looked like his land at the time he exhibited the photographs. Yours truly,
SAM R. COPPER.

The article in the Palm Beach Post of December 5 to which Mr. Copper refers in the above letter was printed under the heading "Everglades Beans Are Unhurt By Big Rains." It is as follows: Comment by the editor of the Everglades News is printed at the end of the quoted article:

"Dire rumors of damage done to the Everglades farms during the heavy rains in October, received a decided backset yesterday when the chamber of commerce of West Palm Beach received a bona fide set of twelve snap-shots taken near South Bay at the height of the bad weather."

"These pictures display flourishing rows of beans, a hearty-looking avocado tree, and no sign of standing water anywhere to be seen. The land which the picture has anything but a detected or devastated appearance; it is fertile well cared for and apparently in the best of condition."

"The snap-shots were taken on the farm of C. W. Ward of South Bay, who yesterday visited West Palm Beach. Mr. Ward reported that his farm was in excellent condition and that he was shipping out two car loads of bean each week."

There is an aphorism that says a half truth is worse than a whole lie. Probably there should be no censure of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce or The Post's reporter—they just simply don't know. The Chamber of Commerce was invited to send a committee into the Glades to see what the conditions are, but the committee didn't get there.

No doubt when Mr. Ward called at the Chamber of Commerce he said, "Looka here, boys—see what we can do in the Glades when we have drainage," and showed the pictures to prove it.

It appears that the pictures were snap-shots.

It seems that the Chamber of Commerce judgment about conditions in the Glades was a snap-shot judgment too.

THE NEAR-SIGHTED MAN

The American Eagle. Do you see him strolling down the street passing friends and strangers, alight upon apparently oblivious to their presence. He seldom nods in recognition, being apparently absorbed in the consideration of more serious matters than the ordinary courtesies and civilities of polite society. Some say he is "stuck up." Now and again friends take notice of his attitude and make an attempt to break off his seeming indifference if not total ignorance of them. But he knows it not, unless as occasionally happens, that some one takes him personally to task for his evident impoliteness.

The fact of the matter is that the man is near-sighted. He does not see clearly as you or your associates who are gifted with normal vision, but as one looking through clouded lenses, whose vision of all persons or objects is more or less blurred, until they come within his relatively short range of vision. As a consequence he often fails to recognize friends in passing until it is too late, and for this is considered snobbish and aloof. If he stares at approaching people in the attempt to recognize them he is considered boorish. If he mistakes a stranger for some intimate friend he is apt to be looked upon as an adventurer or confidence man who is seeking to amuse the stranger's bank roll.

And so it is that the near-sighted man, being "between the devil and the deep sea," draws into his shell, so to speak, becoming more or less reticent, and under other matters, and leaves his wondering friends to think of him what they will. He knows that if he fails to recognize them at times it is through no fault of his own, and having neither the desire nor the means of publishing his disability to the world, he lets it go at that, with the result that misunderstandings sometimes occur.

The editor of this paper happens to be included in the above category and the foregoing statement of fact seems necessary in order to clear up some misunderstandings that occasionally occur. The moral of this is: Do not always wait for the other fellow to salute you. He may be a good soul and his intentions perfectly friendly, but it may be that he is near-sighted and does not always recognize you, through no fault of his own.

HOW IT GETS OUT

"Having waded to my place of business, I sat at my desk with my feet in the water and wrote to the whole lot of houses that I couldn't pay my bills that month because the town was flooded. In that way if in no other a good many people found out that there was a flood in the Everglades last October and November. That's the way they will find it out again, if the state drainage board doesn't open the canal and let the water out."

The above paragraph quotes the words of a business man in a town in the Everglades.

The Everglades News is quite sure, however, that letter of incredulity to wholesale houses, explaining why they can't pay their bills, will not hereafter be the only way the news will leak out of floods in the Everglades.

GOOD TIMES, AND BETTER TO COME

Business is good throughout the United States, the chart-makers say—these statisticians who would be hurt if they were called makers of "dog sheets," although their lines and curves and angles are just the things that record performance in the business world as the records of another class of statisticians record performances in the sporting world.

Anyhow, business is good throughout the United States. Business is good everywhere on the North American continent and in the New World, however it may be in the war-torn Old World. Business is good in all of the American possessions—Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and wherever American influence radiates.

And yet business is no better than it has in other periods. There is one difference. Values are expressed in money that has a less value than in earlier times. This makes business seem better than it actually is. It is a proof that present conditions are not abnormal, but in a normal volume, but in a channel of higher elevation, or the world, but commodities are low in their relative values.

Money is cheaper all over the world, and the higher price levels and quicker movement in the channels of trade without producing an abnormal situation.

The standards of living are higher throughout the world. Efficiency in production is greater everywhere, because of the more general use of labor-saving devices and better transportation. The changes are going on create new occupations, new industries and new opportunities for more people.

Business is good now, and there is every reason to expect that it will get better.

MAIL SERVICE

Mail service far better than is usually possessed by a little town is now being enjoyed by the patrons of the Canal Point post office, and this is due to Mrs. W. A. Adams, the postmaster, and C. A. Edwards, the carrier of the mail between West Palm Beach and Canal Point. The excellence of the mail service is certain to be an aid to the growth of the town in business and population.

Canal Point has two mails each week. One comes in the evening on the Clewiston Boat Line boat Bay Isle and the other comes in the forenoon on West Palm Beach, brought by C. A. Edwards. Leaving West Palm Beach at 8 o'clock, after the mail that arrived during the night have been distributed, Carrier Edwards arrives here at 10:30 o'clock. It is understood that postmasters at fourth class offices do not have to put up the mail until an hour after its arrival, but Mrs. Adams always works it promptly. As Mr. Edwards does not leave here until 1:30, the interval between his arrival and departure, a period of three hours, this allows time for patrons to get their mail read, to write answers and get the answers out the same day. The mail from Clewiston is always put up on the boat next morning having time to get answering letters out on the east-bound mail the same day.

The mail service between Canal Point and the west coast is not as good as the service to the east coast. Connections seem to be missed frequently at Moore Haven, Clewiston, and there does not seem to be time enough or enough office force at Clewiston for good connection to be made at Clewiston for mail from Canal Point to South Bay, Belle Glade and other post offices at the south end of the lake. The Everglades News is mailed at Canal Point every Thursday afternoon and subscribers at the south end should get their papers by Saturday but they report that they do not get it until Monday or later. The paper should get to Clewiston in time to be transferred Friday and reach South Bay that night and be distributed Saturday. Doubtless this difficulty will be overcome.

Maintenance of good mail service is of great importance to The Everglades News, and we acknowledge our obligation to Mrs. Adams and Mr. Edwards for their effective co-operation.

BANKS PAYING CLAIMS

MOORE HAVEN, Dec. 20. All parties having properly filed claims with the receivership of the First Bank of Moore Haven and the First Bank of the Bank may call at the office of the receiver this week and receive dividend checks, the First Bank of Moore Haven paying a 12 1/2 per cent dividend and the Everglades State Bank paying a 25 per cent dividend at this time.

DRAINAGE MEETING IS HELD AT MIAMI

MIAMI, Dec. 22.—Definite cooperation between various districts interested in Everglades development in working out the plans, raising funds and obtaining legislation, was promoted at a meeting of the Everglades Development Association in the court house Monday night, at which supervisors of the several drainage districts in this part of Florida were guests. A return visit will be paid Tuesday night, when Miamians will attend a similar drainage meeting to be held in Fort Lauderdale.

Steps recommended at the meeting and on which action was promised, are: That the officers of the different drainage districts concur in order to present a workable plan of drainage in which all can cooperate, and the employment of outside engineers if necessary to arrive at unbiased conclusions.

That the Everglades Development Association enlarge its membership, increase its activities and assist in the general working out of drainage problems, financial or otherwise.

That the principle of drainage districts be protected by laws which will prevent overflow from undrained state lands be upheld, but that this be considered as only a temporary expedient, which should embrace sufficient outlet to drain off all the excessive water into the Gulf of Mexico.

Belief by most of those present that drainage should be handled by engineering as a matter of fact, and that the state should cease trying to handle the problem from Tallahassee, which was considered too remote a base of operations.

Recommendation for more and larger drainage canals, in the direction of Shark river, which is claimed, would carry off water from territory partially or entirely outside of the Everglades between the two coastal rivers.

Proposal that members of the legislature from each of the counties lying south of the Collier counties, be called to confer with resident of the Glades, inspect conditions and be prepared to present a unified front for state action.

Announcement that, through the initiative of Senator Collier, counties, officials of 10 counties plan a conference on drainage matters prior to the session of the legislature.

Agreement that water control and not simply drainage is the ultimate end in view, so that the water level can be kept low enough to prevent floods, and at the same time high enough to protect the land against the sea.

Decision that the Everglades Development Association, in cooperation with a committee of eight composed of two from the county commissioners, two from the Chamber of Commerce, and two representatives from each drainage district.

The meeting, which is the first of a series of bi-weekly gatherings of the Everglades Development Association to be held at first by W. C. Littlewood, vice president, and later by Van C. Swearingen, president, who had been detained by a meeting called as a memorial to Samuel Gompers.

Principal speakers were John W. Watson, senator-elect, and Morris McElya, representative-elect, both of whom made their efforts to develop the drainage problem. They pointed out, however, that prior to the meeting of the general assembly, the drainage problem was so conflicting demands will not be made. Mr. Watson said he had watched the drainage problem for years and had reached a determination to see it speeded up, if possible. He said the Everglades drainage problem is a big country should produce enormous quantities of sugar, rice and other crops, and the population should be increased to 200,000 within a few years.

Other speakers were: W. C. Littlewood, supervisor of the Broward drainage district; E. R. Graham, supervisor of the Dade drainage district; Fire Warden Johnson of Moore Haven; Mr. Wimbly of the Davis Growers' association; Earl Irons of the Irons Land Co.; Deputy Fire Warden Barton of Miami; S. C. Singleton, former secretary; A. W. Corbett, former president of the Internal Improvement Board.

The fire warden and his deputy, as well as some of the other speakers, showed that they deemed to be the general objective, not absolute drainage, but water control. To make the water level low enough to prevent floods, and as dry as powder, said these officials, invites the starting of fires which will be disastrous. The water level should be under control, they said, so that it can be raised or lowered as conditions demand.

Judge D. A. McDougal said that, in his view, the drainage problem is simplifying themselves, in that a chain of drainage districts has been organized, and the state, complete with itself with dikes and outlets. This should leave a section of land about 20 miles wide and 60 miles long which is undrained and the opening of the Shark river canal to the south and west of the Shark river canal. He believes the problem of controlling Lake Okechobee has been worked out.

THE CROSS-STATE HIGHWAY

The modern mind automatically measures distance according to its relative time. Up to the present it has been necessary to travel two and a half days between Miami and Tampa, whereas the average motorist, accustomed to cover 300 miles from being 750 miles from Miami, despite the fact that the air line distance is only 210 miles. And all practical purposes, the motorist's measurement is the more accurate.

On Thursday Tampa and all the intermediate points in central and western Florida were brought closer to Miami by the opening of the first practical transpeninsular automobile route in the southern part of Florida, linking the Dixie Highway with West Palm Beach with the excellent system of hard-surfaced roads built and maintained in the central and southwestern part of the state by the state road department at Sebring.

It is significant of the neglect always shown by this department of the public service toward the lower east coast that the Dixie Highway has been made practicable by private enterprise, and this fact is at the same time doubly significant in that it is a reminder again that with citizens like W. J. Conners of West Palm Beach, and J. W. Young of the Highway Department, it will not be delayed in the path of progress by dissuade in Tallahassee.

The Dixie Highway, which is 270 miles in state condition; 50 miles of which are in perfect condition, and 37 miles of state road No. 8 which have been put into passable condition by Mr. Conners and Mr. Young.

Tampa is now one day away from Miami and the produce raised in Highways of the country other than the one which can be placed on the Miami market on any day it is harvested. Last winter straw hats were sold at 65 cents a unit in Miami and 12 cents a unit in transportation such as is afforded by this, the first trans-state road.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of The Everglades News: In articles appearing from time to time in your valuable paper regarding drainage in the Everglades, I notice that very little reference has been made to drainage on the Miami canal, or I am inclined to write you about what we have to contend with here. I am located in the lower south of the lake, at the junction of the Miami and Bolles canals. I built my house in 1914 and have been in it for 10 years. During the floods of 1922 and 1923, my neighbors all left the cottages and sought refuge in the hills. Our population is the same as in 1914.

The present conditions are certainly bad in every locality in the Glades but I think we have a much greater cause for complaint against the drainage proposition than at any other point, on account of the dam on the Miami canal and the levee built across the lower Glades in order to protect the property of the sugar mill company and other interests.

The people of the upper Glades would be pleased to know, who is responsible for allowing this dam and levee to be built, and why we should pay state drainage taxes to dig canals and then have them dammed. This dam is guarded night and day. Do the interests in the lower Glades or the I. Board pay for the services of these guards?

Surely the land purchasers in the upper Glades have as much invested as those in the lower Glades, and why sacrifice our interests for their benefit?

I visited several of the coast towns recently, and while at Miami went out to Hialeah and I found all around that locality free from overflow. I met a gentleman that had just returned from a trip to the dam on the Miami canal and he told me the water was six feet higher above the dam than below it. In July last there was four feet difference in level.

The few settlers still remaining along the North New River canal and the residents of Okechanta are submerged enough, without the back water, from the Miami canal being diverted through the Bolles canal and over the land into their homes.

Mr. Fred C. Elliott stated in one of his articles that the settlers in the west went on the land at their own risk.

I suppose we did, we never thought of the fact that it would have taken so many years to make it safe for cultivation and still we have no relief in sight. The Glades are not safe for settlement, it would be required how many years more will be required to make the Glades reasonably safe for the settlers, for them they could decide whether to continue on the land or not, and it would also warn the prospective settlers what to expect.

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WHILE Despard pegged away in the shoemaker's shop was old bird kept him company. The canary that thrilled in his cage was the only other companion of his labors and the object of the jealous contempt of the ancient parrot, which viewed it from his perch as a momentary and frivolous interruption to the course of serious affairs.

The parrot had regarded even Despard himself as but late bubble on the stream of events, and while it passed from the hands of a wandering sailor into the shoemaker's care in a nominal sense, it had really assumed charge of both shop and master. This conscious responsibility extended to the personal greeting with which it saluted upon entrance every customer with, "Hello, papa's boy! Want to talk to papa a little?" and it reached out so far that the crooked and straggling lane had come to be called "Parrot's Alley."

This alley was of such a nature that it had never been visited by those rays of pleasant light that shine from Christmas trees or those cheering gifts that do so much to make a dull and big folks happy. It was a dull and dirty place, where patched clothes hung upon clotheslines and dogs fought over bones; where there was not much to wear, not much to eat, not much peace.

So that Santa Claus, taking the wrong turn, found himself in a strange locality, and after peering about in the unlighted gloom, had to confess that he was lost.

For a moment his merry face was clouded, but, catching sight of a gleam in Despard's shop, he pushed open the door and entered. Laying down one of his large bundles, that was marked "For the Forgotten Ones," he was about to go upstairs, hoping to find out where he was, when a voice in the darkness said, "Hello, papa's boy! Want to talk to papa a little?" Well, he can't see to talk to papa in the dark! Frightened for the first time in his life, Santa Claus made for the door and rushed out. But he left a bundle behind him—Christopher G. Hazard.

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KEEPING CHRISTMAS —LET ALL BE HAPPY

IT IS a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is keeping Christmas. — Frank Herbert Sweet.

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Then She Understood



She—Why are you under the impression that you may kiss me?
He—Because you're under the mistletoe.

It Is Easy to Spread Happiness to Others

IT WAS snowing—not the nice, dry kind, but the kind that makes feathers bedraggled and tempers grouchy.

The streets were crowded with holiday shoppers and people looked cross. A woman hurried toward me, holding to a boy of four by one hand and carrying a heavy basket with the other.

He tried to keep up, but he missed a step now and then; at last he stumbled and fell and the mother dragged him up and said things to him, while he tried not to cry.

At the edge of the walk another woman got out of a brougham and started to cross over to the shop door. She took in the scene, and understood—it was strange how few people do understand. She stepped out to the child, unlatched a spray of holly from her coat and placed it on his ragged little jacket.

"Only two days till Christmas," she said. "Isn't it great?"

The mother gave her that knowing look mothers have, and the boy smiled back at her.

The crowd jogged on, but people were half smiling in spite of the wet snow and the slushy walks.

The mother had lost some of the tired look, and the boy was taking shipping time as he looked down happily at the spray of holly on his coat.

—Anna Deming Gray.

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"WE MUST BE GLAD; WE MUST BE KIND"

IT WAS the usual day-time street car crowd.

The tired-looking girl—overworked and underpaid—beside her the girl of leisure with her vanity case; the weary business man, with his paper before his eyes, and the rollicking crowd of boy scouts. The banker who had had an accident with his car, and resented the fact that he had to go home in the street car. The over-dressed matron, and the fat woman who filled the space for two—and was mad at all the world because of it.

The grouchy old man in front of us, who glared at the street car system and the universe in general.

Beside me sat a woman with two children—one a baby of three and the other a lad of six; they were poorly dressed.

The baby began to whimper and the mother hastily soothed her, while the grouchy in front glowered at her.

"Talk to 'll' sister," whispered the mother. "Make her to be interested."

And the six-year-old, hardly more than a baby himself, turned to baby sister. "Not cry, not fret!" he said cheerfully. "This time to be very glad. This time of holy day because Christmas morn' come. You get orange one baby doll, it ver' good—perhaps red balloon."

People were listening now, but the little group beside me were unconscious of it. The baby had fixed her blue eyes on big brother, and when he paused she said truly—"More!"

And he hastened on—"Lights in the shop—many toys—Christmas tree in church, and ever' body kind to ever' body—stockings to hang up for candy."

"More!" demanded the baby. The girl had put away her vanity box and was listening; and the banker across the aisle smiled at the child.

"And ever one be happy—yes—because of those Christ Child," finished the boy, as their mother rang the bell, and hurried out carrying the baby and her many bundles.

People exchanged smiles, and the grouchy old man who was getting off, too, turned to help her with the children and the bundles.

And the words went with me, repeating themselves over and over—"We must be glad, we must be kind—because of those Christ Child."—Anna Deming Gray.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MAKES CHRISTMAS

IT WAS Christmas morning; the ground was covered with snow. Just right for a real Christmas. It was early morning and the Gaylord household was awake.

"Now, not a single package on that tree touched until I get the turkey in the oven."

This from the busy Mother Gaylord as she hurriedly poked into the already over-stuffed turkey one more spoon of dressing.

"All right, old dear," shouted Hugh, the eldest of the three sons—"a tree wouldn't be a tree, nor a gift a gift without you."

"Thank you, son," said mother as she dried her hands and joined the boys.

"Father is sorry, I know, to miss all this joy with us—but business first. That largest package is from him. His letter said possibly he couldn't be here for a month."

"Well, mother, let's save the tree until he does come, and not touch a package, for a tree is not a tree, nor is a gift a gift with Dad away."

A familiar step was heard; the bell rang and in stepped Dad, shouting "Merry Christmas to all! My package just opened yet! By Joe! I said I'm just in time."

Four voices in unison: "How did you get here?" "Diew in?" asked Mother.

"Well, I guess I did. Christmas couldn't be Christmas without you four, so I came by airplane. Golly! the turkey smells good; let's open our packages."

The tree was truly a tree; the packages were sure-enough gifts; the turkey was honest-to-goodness turkey, and Christmas was perfect, too, for the whole family was assembled and true love in their hearts for each other and Christ was in the midst.

—Eugene Burke Adams.

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Lost and Found While

Christmas Shopping

LITTLE MARIE, jostled from one side to the other of the pavement by the hurrying Christmas shoppers, became suddenly panicky.

What if she would never, never see her mamma again? How in that mob of hurrying, brusque people could she ever find her? The streets and sidewalks were a dead mud color from the snow trampled down by the thousands of people and vehicles passing over them.

What if she should slip and fall and cover herself with that dirty slush? No one would ever recognize her. She would be lost; she would have to walk the streets like this forever and ever—oh! oh! Two large tears trickled down her cheeks and a great sob shook her little frame.

A large-nosed Santa Claus in a red flannel suit grunted at her and shook a little tincup which tinkled with many coins. On the corner a small group of blind beggars were singing Christmas carols in cracked, ugly voices. Marie stopped in front of them, watched them for a while, then suddenly remembering her loneliness, burst into a loud shriek. Several people stopped pityingly and inquired her name and where she lived, but she could not tell them, for the sobs were choking her throat.

A large, excited lady pushed her way through the crowd. "Marie! Oh, mamma, where you were lost?" The woman swept the little girl off her feet, clutching her eagerly. Marie held on to her most tightly, but continued to cry with sobs. It was a way of relieving her feelings, and so comforting to have dear mother's shoulder to cry on. "Oh! oh! It was going to be a glorious Christmas after all!"—Marion R. Reagan.

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Christmas Sleighing

In Days of Long Ago

OF COURSE the children had a sleigh ride during the holidays. But more and more as their parents talked over what they would give the children when they came home from the sleigh ride, more and more as they planned the good hot supper, they thought about the sleigh rides there had been when they were young.

What sleigh rides those had been! What fun! What a nice thing it was that now the children could enjoy these sleigh rides.

And yet—and yet—why not? They talked it over with each other and then with the neighbors. Then it was decided upon.

And the grown-ups, too, had a sleigh ride during the Christmas holidays just as they had had when they were young. Afterward there was a hot supper and then there were games.

Why put aside a sleigh-ride party when only's spirit is the same, even if a few years have been added?—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Perhaps It Is



Bugs—I wonder if that's the chimney Santa is coming down?

Let Christmas Spirit

Prevail Through Year

WHAT a world it would be if all of us kept up the Christmas spirit all through the year! How much of unhappiness, or discontent, or unrest, would we all be spared? How many foolish quarrels of the selfish bickerings would never be if our hearts held the message of love and trust and peace that they do today? How many homes would be unbroken and how many men and women would work together in a new and deeper bond of love and service? How trivial and small would appear some of the reasons that set range us from each other? How petty and mean the little jealousies and misunderstandings that hamper our way and our vision? How different our fellow-men would appear in our eyes—their little weaknesses and failings would be things to stir our hearts to pity, instead of to scorn and contempt? Well it would be for the world and for each one of us as individuals if the spirit of peace, of love, of goodwill toward all men burned in our hearts through all the year with the fervor it does today.—Katherine Edelman.

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PERSONALS

Somebody ask "Bill" about that bad dream.

And still we have no good hard-surfaced road!

Albert Gray and family of Lynchburg, Tenn., are visiting Capt. and Mrs. Gray.

We are having good shows at the theater now. We are on the Pathe circuit.

C. W. Therton spent last week at West Palm Beach doing carpenter work.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian and children are in Miami for a few days, having gone down Saturday.

Fred Gray, who has been in school at Loretto, Fla., came home for the holidays last Saturday.

Homer Vivian, Jr., arrived Thursday from Atlanta, where he is attending the military academy this year.

Duck hunters are rather numerous these days, getting lots of coots. They are as good as eat as chickens(?)

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Davis accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Wilder made a business trip to West Palm Beach, Friday.

Wm. Bloom is in the city. Yes, he wants to farm and there are lots of others who wish they could too.

Miss Sarah Hansen came home from school at St. Augustine Saturday night. She will enjoy spending the holidays at home.

Miss Margaret York is visiting her father and mother, Fred and Mrs. J. R. York. She attends school in North Carolina.

Mrs. A. Barfield and Miss Lula Barfield spent Christmas with relatives at the county seat.

O. A. Wheeler made a brief visit to Pahokee last week in the interest of his property at this place.

Notice the subscription blank printed on the first page. If there is some friend who is not a subscriber but who ought to be, call his attention to it.

Dr. Spooner, C. L. Wilder and some others are out deer hunting this week. We wish them as good luck as they had last time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lair and son I. M. Lair motored to Zephyr Hill Sunday to visit Mr. Lair's brother. They returned Tuesday.

R. F. Larrimore and Mrs. Larrimore of Walnut Grove, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. York. Mr. Larrimore likes our country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hudson went to West Palm Beach Saturday and brought back Miss Faybelle Lawrence to spend her Christmas vacation with them.

A hunting party composed of Dr. D. S. Spooner, J. H. Tidwell, W. J. Larrimore, Hull brothers and others spent a few days in the back woods the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shive of Kansas were the guests of C. A. Shive and family here Sunday. Mr. Ira Shive owns property near the "red top" packing house.

If the farmers make a good spring crop and have some spare money, we are in hopes some of the money can be turned over to a stock company to build a fine hotel. Lots of duck hunters would make their headquarters here if there were facilities for their accommodation.

The Community Christmas tree was the center of attraction Wednesday evening. The tree was prepared under the auspices of the Woman's Club and proved a huge success. Something over \$60 were contributed by citizens of Pahokee and Bacon Point for the tree and the treats given to all the children attending.

C. L. Dugger, who has been working with Tom Cranford, left last week for Summerfield, Ala., his old home, to remain there until the water goes down and he can return and resume farming. He subscribed for The Everglades News before he left so he can keep in touch with affairs during his absence from East Beach.

Pahokee people are interested in all of the reports that the Seaboard Air Line railroad may build into Canal Point soon after the West Palm Beach line is completed. It is realized that to get another railroad there will have to be developed enough freight to warrant the operation of the road and it is hoped that with the completion of the Pahokee drainage district we can get a sugar mill for this territory also and that the railroad will build in to get the new mill's freight.

Pahokee, from all outward signs, will spend a very quiet holiday. Every one seems to be planning something for

someone else and enjoying it. There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church, under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools, cooperating the evening of the 26th.

The Rev. F. E. Tiffin and family arrived last week and took up their abode at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Tiffin preached his first sermon Sunday at the church's new churches around in charge of several churches around the lake he will only be able to give two Sundays each month to the Pahokee church for the present.

District's Engineer Writes of Drainage

The following letter has been received from Karl Riddle, of The Riddle Company, engineers for the Pahokee Drainage District:

"In reply to your letter of November 25th, 1924, we will say that the successful operation of the Pahokee Drainage District is absolutely dependent upon the height of water in Lake Okechobee and the West Palm Beach canal beyond a certain limit and it might be said that during the flood just now passing, the limit has been exceeded, since the water from Lake Okechobee passed over the lake ridge in the vicinity of Bacon Point. This low place in the being diked and in view of the fact that the water did not pass over Bacon Point, adjoining the Pahokee Drainage District, it appears that with the construction of a levee along the south side of the Pahokee Drainage District, the district may withstand a flood such as the one just mentioned.

The pump which will be used to control the ground water level in the Pahokee Drainage District is designed to remove 42,000 gallons of water a minute against a 10-foot head, but a prolonged period of high water surrounding the district would tax the engine operating the pump. The cost of an excessive lift is also to be considered.

Unless there is control of water level outside of the district, it would be safe to farm within the boundaries of the Pahokee Drainage District, and trees are used without the installation of a dual system of pumps.

Our original plan calls for a dual system of pumps and we note that where machinery is being depended upon for protection, we must have a standby.

High water surrounding the district would eliminate the possibility of removing water from the district by gravity and would necessitate the removal of considerable sewage water with the pumps.

Sub-drainage districts should not consider secession from the Everglades Drainage District and when this system is completed, then other sub-districts will do as we are doing that is, to depend upon the main canal and Lake Okechobee to take care of water to be removed from the sub-districts, either by gravity or by the use of pumps.

We, as engineers in the Pahokee Drainage District, have been authorized to make this statement and must confess that we are responsible for a delay of at least ten days in making this report.

"I am now speaking as an individual, in response to criticisms of your political interests as destructive."

"I wish to say that I have read your paper before the storm and have just read the last issue since the storm. We have filed each issue since the first information is of great value to any one interested in construction in the Everglades."

"It is doubtful whether any newspaper has devoted anything like the effort to the news and affairs of the Everglades that you have spent on this work, and while it might be said that your criticisms were destructive, it should be said by everyone that during the storm every issue was extremely constructive and I believe that in the calm since the storm, that by concerted effort, there will be great progress in the Everglades and without doubt, it must be said that those who have considerable capital invested in the Ever-

glades, whether it be in land or in some other form of investment, all have a common interest in the improvement of the back country.

"It took a serious fire in West Palm Beach to bring about the installation of the high pressure water system. It always takes a loss or the report of a loss to stimulate the business of the insurance companies."

"We are sorry that it took this flood to convince the people of the Pahokee Drainage District that pumps were necessary. We don't believe that it took this flood to perfect the plan of the draining of the Glades but we do believe that it will be easier to carry on an extensive reclamation and protection plan over the areas recently flooded because of the necessity to protect investments, and realize the hopes of those concerned. It will be necessary to hasten the completion of the drainage works in order to protect present investments."

"Please bear in mind that the personal expression here is not necessarily authorized by the Pahokee Drainage District but are opinions expressed without intention to harm anyone."

"Yours very truly,

"KARL RIDDLE."

CORRESPONDENCE

PAHOKEE, Fla., Dec. 14.—Yesterday morning I walked the section 5 about two miles and a half southwest to where it had been cut about five days before. From what I looked I decided they had blown it with dynamite and then spaded the sides off till it was about eighteen feet wide. The current was about three feet deep and so swift a man could hardly stand in it. It apparently had not washed out a shovelful of dirt since they left it. On both sides the shore prints were plain from top to bottom. I got there just in time to help dredge men put a wire fence across it. It only took the dredge a few minutes to stop it after the woven wire was fastened across it.

I suppose the dike was blown by some well-meaning folk that think they know more about draining the Everglades than the engineers do, or it was done by some one that has high land in the lake that would be dry enough to farm if the lake could be lowered a few inches, while they have hundreds of neighbors living south and east of the lake with hundreds of thousands of acres of land that can not be farmed unless their water table is from three to five feet lower than the lake is now, and with the dike all gone and the locks all open the lake would not fall enough for us to farm this spring.

Two years ago the lake was not as high as it is now and the dike was not finished and the lake did not fall enough to grow a spring crop of tomatoes only on some of the very highest land. We set tomatoes March and April but did not make expenses.

We form drainage districts for the benefit of the people living in those districts and there is none of us so perfect that we don't make mistakes yet the diking and pumping system has been agreed upon by most of the best thinking people as the only successful plan for so flat a country as we have here with such heavy rainfall. So if we all work for more dikes and pumps we will all be better off.

If there are families living inside of the dike that need help their good neighbors on the outside will be glad to help them. There is not enough people here, to farm the land that will be dry the first of January, so come and make your wants known and we do our best to help you, but don't ruin your moral character by slipping around in the night and shooting the dike and turning the lake on us.

FRANK FRIEND.

STURGIS GETS DEER

A. A. Sturgis contributed to the menu of the Glades hotel this week some of the venison that resulted from a deer hunt in the flatwoods between St. Lucie canal and Loxahatchee Farms.

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CANAL POINT

W. A. Adams took Mrs. Murphy to the hospital the latter part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poland entertained the Bridge Club Friday evening, of last week. Three tables were filled.

John Thomas came out Sunday from Lake Worth, where he is in the Jones Furniture Company store.

C. R. West, who has been attending school at Gainesville, passed through Canal Point Monday night on his way to his home at Chosen, to spend the holidays.

C. M. Johnson, fire warden, passed through Canal Point the latter part of last week on his way to his home at Moore Haven after attending a drainage meeting at Miami.

C. O. Telf has leased the R. B. Baxter 10 acres north of Canal Point and will farm it this spring. He is making some ditches to dry up the low spots and will be planting beans early in the year.

J. H. Gould left Monday afternoon for Savannah, to spend the holidays at home. Joe Andrea and George Loncon had left for Savannah the Saturday before. All will be back soon after the first of the year to start the sugar mill.

F. E. Bryant and E. T. Anderson of the sugar company are in Chicago for the holidays.

Dave Baker got himself a radio outfit as a Christmas present and he is as tickled with it as the publisher of The Everglades News is with his new shining brass mangle machine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Abbott were out from West Palm Beach Friday. They were here to look over their seaskiff, which laid up at Canal Point after sustaining some damage when coming through the hyacinths in North New River canal.

Porte F. Quinn, one of the largest real estate operators on the east coast, called on The Everglades News Friday. With a party of friends he was on his way to Okeechobee.

Concluding that it would take too long for the land to dry up enough so he could work it this year, C. D. Burgess left Saturday on his return to his home at Olathe, Kansas. This is one of the several instances of damage done by the flood that has caused owners want to come here to farm their land but can't as long as the country is not drained. Mr. Burgess will return next year and try it again.

J. E. Carter has received a shipment of hand plows and other hand implements for farming. The tools are just the things that are needed right now. Readers are advised to get them early. Carter has in the area implement line. With land too wet for horses or tractors more hand implements than usual will be used this spring.

G. A. Wheeler, of New York, who spends his winters in Palm Beach county, was out from the county seat Saturday with a party of Pennsylvania friends who looked over the country with a view to buying land.

Roy Marquis, who has been running a hoisting engine in West Palm Beach, has returned to put in a bean crop with his father, I. N. Marquis, on their land north of Canal Point. He was out Saturday to see if the land was dry enough to warrant plans for a crop and found that it was. He went back to town that day and returned the first of this week.

A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee, a civil engineer who reports to the trustees of the internal improvement fund the character and value of tracts of state land, passed through Canal Point Saturday. He had been looking at tracts in south Dade county and was on his way to Fort Myers, where he will appraise other state land before going to Tallahassee.

OKEE-LANTA CORPORATION

The annual meeting of the Okeelanta Corporation is about to begin. Last year it was held January 19 at the home of the president, Mr. Chapman, 25 Graham Circle. It was advertised in the Tropical Sun only.

J. E. CARTER TO ADD TO

BIG STORE'S LINE
The health of the people in the upper Everglades is so good that deaths are rare and for that reason no store on the eastern or southern shore of Lake Okeechobee has ever carried a stock of caskets. Now that population is increasing and the increase is certain to continue, J. E. Carter has decided to add a line of caskets to the stock of the "big store." Order has been placed for a stock and the goods will arrive shortly. Dal Geiger, a clerk in the Carter store, has undertaken experience and his aid will be given at funerals if desired.

DAVIS CONVICTED

Counsel for Jack M. Davis, found guilty of manslaughter at Okeechobee and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, has appealed the sentence and Davis is out on \$5,000 bail pending disposition of the appeal. Davis was found guilty of causing the death of W. E. Cross. The defense machinery that the bullet which killed Cross was not fired at Cross. Clyde L. Lanphear, who was jointly tried with Davis, was found not guilty.

LARGER QUARTERS FOR NEWS OFFICE

Shortly after the first of the new year The Everglades News will occupy larger quarters in a new location. If plans that are now being worked out are perfected, The Everglades News Publishing Company has secured a lot from the Pioneer Investment Company, which owns the section of the Canal Point townsite located north of the canal. There is intention to move the paper to the frame building in which the paper is now printed from its present location on the canal bank to the lot that has been secured from the townsite company.

A one-story frame building will be erected toward the rear of the lot and the Linotype and printing machinery will be moved into the new building. When the building that is now occupied has been relieved of its heavy contents it will be moved to the new site and placed in front of the new building. In order that a 25-foot addition can be constructed later, giving the old building a new front.

When the new building has been erected near the rear of the lot and the old two-story building connected with it, The Everglades News will have an office 42x24 feet, the 16x24 section being two-stories. It is believed that in less than a year a 24-foot extension can be put on the front end and the building carried forward to the property line.

Serious hurt was done to the business and credit of The Everglades News by the flood which started in early October and is only just now receding appreciably, but it is believed that the move of the present building and its extension can be financed nevertheless and that the investment will be justified by the certain growth of the Lake Okeechobee country and an increased volume of business by the paper.

Some additions to the equipment of the office have been made in the past few weeks and other purchases will be made when the new quarters are occupied.

If the plans here stated are carried out it will be because patrons' promises of continued support will be kept and because of the many expressions of accord with the policy of the paper, for all of which the publisher is very grateful.

One Greatness to Mothers

It is the general rule, that all superior men inherit the elements of their superiority from their mothers.—Michelet.

Let Us Make Greetings

Ring With Good Cheer

GOOD MORNING!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

These greetings, which everyone uses, and which we hear from the lips of all alike—"rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, noble"—but to how many of us do the words live? Are they not for the most part a mere meaningless formula without even the inspiration behind them that usually prompts our spontaneous "hello?" Let it be different this year.

Let us back these joyous greetings with hearty enthusiasm. As a man may be judged by his handshake, so may he be judged by his salutations. Let these time-worn phrases take on new life and become time-honored phrases.

Good morning!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

—H. Lucius Cook.

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Cocoa Doormats

The familiar cocoa doormats, seen practically all over the country, come mostly from Calcutta, India.

Ancient Tools

Recent excavations in California brought to light two tools—a petrified bone awl about two inches long, and a rudely fashioned quartzite palm ax.

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LOCKTENDERS' WEEKLY REPORT OF LAKE AND CANAL LEVELS

			LAKE GROUP				COASTAL GROUP				CALOOSA GROUP		
			Caloosahatchee	North New River	Hillsboro	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	Hillsboro	North New River	South New River	Caloosahatchee	Caloosahatchee
unday, Dec. 7	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.3	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1
	Lower Pool	-----	16.4	18.6	17.9	17.7	17.8	19.1	1.5	0.2	0.8	4.3	3.8
Monday, Dec. 8	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.3	19.4	19.2	19.3	19.1	7.9	3.9	2.7	4.2	3.7
	Lower Pool	-----	16.3	18.6	17.9	17.6	17.7	19.1	1.8	0.7	0.2	3.7	2.1
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.3	19.1	9.5	3.9	5.5	4.1	3.6
	Lower Pool	-----	16.2	18.5	17.9	17.6	17.6	19.1	1.5	-0.4	5.5	4.1	3.6
Wednesday, Dec. 10	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.2	19.4	19.3	19.3	19.1	9.5	3.9	5.5	4.1	3.6
	Lower Pool	-----	16.1	18.5	17.9	17.5	17.6	19.1	1.8	0.4	5.4	3.9	3.5
Thursday, Dec. 11	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.3	19.4	19.3	19.3	19.1	10.0	3.8	5.3	3.8	3.5
	Lower Pool	-----	16.0	18.5	17.8	17.5	17.5	19.1	1.9	0.4	5.3	3.8	3.5
Friday, Dec. 12	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.7	19.8	19.7	19.4	19.1	10.5	3.6	5.2	3.8	3.6
	Lower Pool	-----	16.0	18.4	17.8	17.5	17.4	19.1	1.9	0.2	5.2	3.8	3.6
Saturday, Dec. 13	Upper Pool	-----	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.3	19.3	19.1	10.0	3.6	5.0	3.8	3.6
	Lower Pool	-----	16.0	18.4	17.8	17.4	17.2	19.1	1.6	0.2	5.0	3.8	3.6

OKEECHOBEE

W. R. Gary and D. P. DeBerry announce the sale of the Hillsboro hotel to C. V. Doran, formerly of Los Angeles and now of Miami. The Charles L. Henck Company has made sales of town lots to a party of Tennessee people, and R. M. Wicker has sold 13 business lots to out-of-town parties. Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth has bought Mrs. McGuff's lot on North Park street near Parrott avenue.

The board of engineers for rivers and harbors will visit Okeechobee January 14, stopping here en route from Lake land to West Palm Beach.

Action on the proposal that a new court house be erected will be taken at the January session of the board of county commissioners.

Application has been made for a charter for the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club.

Grading on the incomplete section of the Fort Pierce-Okeechobee road will start this week, according to County Engineer Collins of St. Lucie county.

O. J. Price was elected high priest of the Okeechobee Royal Arch Masons, H. C. Adams, Jr., J. T. Hancock, Jr., S. Walter Gray, secretary; J. Walker Hardie, sr., treasurer.

SOUTH FLORIDA

More than \$8000 was paid out at Key West last week for sponges and larger sums this week. The sponge fishers' boats are all laying up in Key West during the holiday week.

Federal prohibition enforcement agents late Thursday night seized 3000 quarts of various liquors and confiscated two boats containing the contraband in the Indian river, near Oak Hill, south of New Smyrna. The raid was made by federal agents.

Construction of the club house for the Key West country club is under way.

Corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Fort Lauderdale was laid Sunday.

A tourist club has been organized at Fort Lauderdale.

Seventeen hundred tons of freight was brought from New Orleans to Miami last week by the steamer W. M. Tupper. It was the largest cargo ever discharged at Miami.

At a special election last week voters carried a one million dollar bond issue for an extensive school building program.

Citrus shipments are now well under way from St. Lucie county and all of the packing houses are running.

Contract for the construction of a 20-room apartment building has been awarded to C. E. Cahow by C. B. Greene.

All of the South Florida newspapers carried big stories last week about the opening of state road No. 8. This road and Commerce Highway makes a cross-state route by way of Canal Point.

GLADES COUNTY

Mrs. C. H. Suttle is the new president of the M. E. Missionary Society at Moore Haven. The financial report showed \$1222 expended on local work and \$3426 in foreign.

The Eastern Star lodge of Moore Haven elected the following officers: Albertina Strop, worthy matron; R. C. Slight, worthy patron; Mrs. C. C. Klints, assistant matron; Mrs. Fern Flanders, secretary; Foder Westergaard, treasurer; Mrs. R. C. Horne, conductress.

The Seminole Hotel is under new management, Mrs. Farrington of Eldersberry, the new owner now being in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Crispin will move to Lake Worth about January 1, where they expect to make their home for a while.

C. K. Klints is repairing and painting the picture show building inside and is getting new chairs all ready for an opening by the first of January, when he will again be on the circuit of high class pictures which he showed nearly all the year.

Rev. and Mrs. Templeton arrived Thursday to take charge of their work in the Methodist church. They come from Gainesville and Moore Haven heartily welcomes them.

A Few Certainties
It is true that there are only a few certain things in life, such as death, taxes and a man liking to talk about himself.—Wilmington News-Journal.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Boynton Beach hotel has opened for the season. The hotel is managed by A. A. Atwater. It has as guests people who come regularly every winter. Franchise for a telephone exchange probably will be granted at Boynton. The town's attorney is L. D. Simon. Son of L. N. Simon, owner of a part of the Canal Point townsite.

Contractor S. P. Snyder has started grading Dixie Highway at Boca Raton on the east side of the railroad to eliminate two crossings.

"Construction of railroad from Canal Point to West Palm Beach seen as new development move" is the heading of an article in the current issue of the South Florida Developer. The paper says it has reason to believe that the proposed Miami extension of the Florida East Coast railroad is to be abandoned in favor of a road from the Everglades to the county seat by way of Seelye City.

Sale of water front property has been made at Stuart at \$100 a front foot.

DREDGES AT WORK

MOORE HAVEN, Dec. 19.—The Holloway dredge is back of the dike rebuilding it and making it safe. We understand that the dredge will keep right on down the main levee to Clewiston. Work on the northwest levee and the railroad property was entirely completed before leaving this part of the work.

The Arundel dredge Florida is making good headway west of town and has completed more than half the work laid out for her to do.

The emergency dam which was put in nine mile canal several months ago was taken out by dynamiting it Saturday and the water which it had kept off is fast running off into Lake Hippocree.

The situation in general is bright, the land being in much better condition at this time than most people thought possible.

Planting in the entire area if the Diston Island district is progressing and gives every promise of a good early spring crop.

The New Bay City dredge for the Stone Development Company arrived this week and is being unloaded and set up at muck siding one mile west of Newhall.

The dredge is to be set up at the railroad and "walled" across the approximately two miles to where it will begin operations on the drainage projects of the Stone Development Company.

TO PLANT MORE TREES

IN INDIANTOWN GROVE

The best citrus land in the world is in the Everglades Drainage District, on the line of the Glades, either muck or flatwoods. R. D. Fountain, who has been selling oranges and grapefruit in Canal Point from the L. E. McWilliams grove in section 13, six miles north of St. Lucie canal, says Mr. McWilliams will plant 200 more trees in February. There are 40 acres in the tract and 10 acres are reserved for trees.

Slacker.

Foreman—"Or is it that that little man always carries two planks to your one?" Laborer—"Cos he's too blinkin' lazy to go back for the other one."

Penguin's Peculiarity

Penguins alone of all feathered creatures, walk about upright on land, as man does.

Would Conscript Girls

Girls should be conscripted and taught the domestic arts, and thus relieve the house-hold shortage, declares a New Zealand statesman.

Aids To Navigation
On Caloosahatchee

FORT MYERS, Dec. 19, 1924.—The U. S. S. "Hydrographer," Captain W. Patterson in command, came up the river yesterday on an inspection trip and for the purpose of locating and correcting navigation marks, taking soundings, etc. The "Hydrographer" left at 3 p. m. Tuesday for Key West and the southern Gulf coast of Florida. It will be back here to spend Christmas, the captain announced before his departure.

Making soundings, locating new marks and lights on shoal spots along the coast, bringing the coast charts up to date, thus making navigation safer for all coast wide shipping, is part of the valuable work of the crew of the "Hydrographer."

The Caloosahatchee river will receive special attention: additional range lights and beacons will be located. Told of a shoal spot off the wharfs here soundings were made locating it.

An idea of the difficulties vessels are having here was conveyed to the crew, when they grounded on it themselves, and only got off, after a half hour of hard work by putting on a kedge anchor and using both the ships windlass and power.

The "Hydrographer" is a wooden vessel, 125 feet by 24 feet by 7 feet draft, equipped with a triple expansion steam engine and water tube boiler carrying 200 pounds of steam.

Captain Patterson asks anyone having information as to our waterways to write him about it, care General Delivery, Fort Myers, and he will get it on his return here and it will help him in his survey work.

Buddhists Have Christmas

"Hans Matsuri," or the feast of flowers, is the oriental and Buddhist holiday season that corresponds to the Christmas of the occidental Christians. Curiously enough, it is the celebration in honor of the founder of the Buddhist religion, who was Gautama Buddha, lord of grace and infinite compassion. A great deal of attention at the season is given to the youth of the Buddhist land. It comes on April 8. Buddha was born 568 years before Christ.

Trimming the Tree

Some people hang everything on the Christmas tree but themselves! That comes later. When the bills arrive.—Martha Banning Thomas.

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Cabbage Seed, Danish Crown	
Copenhagen Market	\$1.50
Early Jersey Wakefield	1.00
Charleston Wakefield	1.00
Early Flat Dutch	1.00
All Seasons	1.00
Succession	1.00
Lettuce Seed	
Big Boston	\$1.75
Iceberg	1.85
Prizehead	1.50
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AUNT LIZZIE ANN'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

NOW, if Aunt Lizzie Ann had only written for Christmas, the family agreed that they sat around the big fire that blazed upon the open hearth, everything would have been just perfect. As it was, things were awfully nice and everyone was having such a good time, but Aunt Lizzie Ann's Christmas letter had failed to come—the first miss since they all remembered—and its absence cast a little cloud over them, try as they would to hide it.

Aunt Lizzie Ann had always written the dearest Christmas letter—gifts she had none to send since Uncle Ed had several years ago—but always there had been that wonderful letter, that breathed so deep the very spirit of Christmas that it had almost become a part of the family time itself for the Dermott family. And although none of the family had yet framed the thought that Aunt Lizzie Ann must be ill, or something dreadful must have happened, it lay heavy upon them all. So when George announced that he was going down to the telegraph office to wire they all agreed that it was the best thing to do.

A soft, powdery snow was falling as he opened the door to step without. He had been gone only a short time when a shout from him brought them all to the doorway. And there, with the snowflakes falling around her, was the dearest little old lady, laden with bundles which George tried in vain to help her with.

"It's Aunt Lizzie Ann!" they all cried in unison. And sure enough it was Aunt Lizzie Ann, coming this year herself instead of sending her usual letter, and she had the dearest and loveliest gifts for them all.

And when the excitement of her coming had died down and they all sat around the blazing logs again, Aunt Lizzie Ann explained how she had been able to come. Uncle Ed had taken out an endowment policy for her several years ago; it had now matured and she was free to do the things she had wanted to for so long. "You have been giving to me for so many years," she said, "it makes me feel it good to be able to make some return at last."

But the family assured her in all sincerity that it was she who had given the most to them always—for her wonderful Christmas letter had helped them more than they could ever tell her—Katharine Edelman.
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THE "SANTA SACK" GAME FOR KIDDIES

SANTA CLAUS is a real problem to some playboys. Shall the children be told the truth about Santa Claus, or shall they think of him as sliding down the chimney with reindeer and sleigh? This idea may help some mother who is puzzled over this question:

Before our little folks were old enough to understand about the existence of Santa Claus, whenever we saw a piece of the jolly old man, we called him Sunny, or Smiling Santa, because he looked happy. And he looked happy because he was good and kind to everyone. So when the children quarreled or posted we would try to have them smile and look jolly, like Santa, whose picture we had among others we referred to, as moral or myth pictures.

As the children grew to understand more fully the meaning of the Christmastide we played a game, "Santa sack," which meant that if they allowed each other or their playmates to play with their toys or gave them of their apples or cookies, they were playing Santa Claus, because Santa Claus was unselfish and divided whatever he had from his sack.

Sometimes when their playmates came, we would say, "You'll want to play 'Santa Sack' and away they would skip to distribute their toys like Santa. They delighted to play and we called Santa, when they ran errands, smiled or did something kind. Santa was a make-believe creature, as characters in poems which we read to them, such as "The Raggedy Man," "Children's Hour," "Jack Sprit," "Hawthorne." Anyone who gave a gift at any time of year was a Santa. And whenever Santa Claus distributed gifts at school or at any public place, they were delighted that someone was playing Santa as they played "bear," "doctor" or "teacher" in the home with their little friends. For to any who is unselfish, kind and cheerful is to them a Santa Claus to someone else.

As they grew older the Santa sack was woven into a lesson story with the thought that each of us has something in smiles, kind words and deeds to give to another all the time. For the real Santa gave much—all he had—from his sack of treasures in Bethlehem long ago! So Santa Claus means unselfishness, cheerfulness, kindness—many things that are worth while to our children. —Gertrude Walton.

FARM TALK

DRYING UP LAND

Keeping of records of evaporation is one of the several good things that are being done at the Everglades Experiment Station, located on Hillsboro canal about three miles south of Belle Glade and five miles southeast of the lake. The report for the week ending December 13 shows that in the preceding week the rainfall there was only .46 inch while the evaporation, in fractions of inches, was: December 7, .117, December 8, .126, December 9, .129, December 10, .093, December 11, .119, December 12, .135, December 13, .139. Glenn V. Scott, assistant state engineer, told me last summer that the evaporation on Lake Okechobee amounted to about a quarter of an inch a day. As the evaporation is not as great in December as in the summer, the two sets of figures check and prove another to be right.

Evaporation is disposing of water in the country back from the lake. But the water is not gotten rid of in the best way when its disposal is chiefly through evaporation.

There are two practical ways of getting rid of surplus water. One is by evaporation and the other is by drainage. Drying the top of the land does not help it—more likely it hurts it. Draining the land from underneath does help it.

Land back from the lake a few miles is land that was under water for a long time; being under water the old "trash"—the vegetation that died and fell down many years ago—did not have a chance to decompose and turn into soil. The vegetation that grew many years ago had stored up in its cells certain substances which give the soil a character known as sourness. These substances are usually referred to as acids, but it is not definitely known just what they are and how they act although experience has shown that until they are gotten rid of they are harmful. The best way to get them out is to drain the land, so the acids will be washed out and run into the canals and thence

When the land is not drained—when the canals are held so high that the water cannot run off quickly, the acids are not disposed of as they ought to be. Evaporation gets rid of the water, but it leaves the acids in the soil. Instead, evaporation concentrates the acids in the soils.

Another bad thing about soil being dried up instead of drained is that when the water stands on the land and seals the surface of the soil, the soil bacteria is killed. Nothing can be raised in any soil if there are no bacteria. The growth of bacteria is assisted if the land is drained.

GLADES WEATHER

Everglades Experiment Station
Belle Glade, Fla.

Record of temperature, rainfall and evaporation at Everglades Experiment Station during week ending December 20, 1924.

Date	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rain.	Evapo- fall ratio
14	69	49	0.00	0.076
15	77	56	0.00	0.088
16	78	54	0.00	0.106
17	79	52	0.00	0.111
18	77	57	0.00	0.096
19	76	56	0.00	0.104
20	79	55	0.00	0.114

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

Moore Haven
Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending December 20, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
14	79	65	----
15	75	57	----
16	79	56	----
17	76	63	----
18	77	63	----
19	77	64	----
20	77	58	----

A. C. MOWAT,
Cooperative Observer.

Canal Point
Temperature, rainfall and sunshine at Canal Point, Florida, for week ending December 21, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
15	72	53	----
16	78	48	----
17	79	55	----
18	78	55	----
19	78	57	----
20	77	50	----
21	77	58	----

Average 77 54
Sunshine, 54 hours, 10 minutes.
Rainfall since January 1, 1924, 60.11 inches.

Gauge above the locks, 192 feet; gauge below the locks 16.6. Readings made 9 a. m. Dec. 21, 1924.
C. P. SHEFFIELD.

WE'LL SEE

I planned to do some writing about our country grand. To be of help and service to all, was what I planned. I put my pen to working. I wrote as things took to me. But soon I found that others Would not with me agree. Some think it very foolish To brag about this land. That covers a pithy water. And spoils what we have planned. But if we had no drawbacks In this our country grand, We soon would be so crowded, We'd not have room to stand. If you decide to leave here, Then in two years or three, We'll see who is so foolish. It might be you, not me.
—FRANK FRIEND.

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No. 29 Coaches and Parlor9:30 PM
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No. 86 Coaches-Sleepers3:25 AM
No. 30 Coaches and Parlor7:30 AM
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PALM BEACH COUNTY

CHOSEN SCHOOL

The board of public instruction has proclaimed the Christmas holidays to extend from Friday afternoon December 19, to Monday, January 5. The children very much enjoyed preparing the following program for Friday afternoon which was held at the school house and included a tree. Recitation—Clara Bell Morris. Dialog—Four first graders. Recitation—Dorothy Hooker. Song—Christmas Carol, by school. Recitation—Irma Schlechter. Recitation—Marian Armstrong. First grade—Dramatization. Song—Christmas Bells, Advanced grade. Recitation—Louis Marshall. Recitation—Paul Kirchmann. Doll Song—Seven girls. Recitation—Morris Marshall. Recitation—Margaret Hooker. A Frog—Clyde Burke. Recitation—Donald Kirchmann. Santa Claus—Dialog. Santa Claus—Song. Recitation—Good Night, Margaret West. Isaac West, local trustee, has made and donated to the school, a table of special use for the primary grades. The school has purchased some pretty green burlap and arranged space for displaying specimens of regular school work including posters, etc. The school was pleased to register the following names during the past week: Mrs. Roscoe Braddock, Mrs. Mary E. Leatherman, Mrs. Isaac West, Mrs. Kate Rieley, Mrs. J. N. Morris, Mrs. W. R. Hooker, Mrs. G. W. Carter, Mrs. D. H. Carter, Mrs. Kirchmann, Mrs. P. I. Burke, Mrs. C. W. Taylor.

TORRY ISLAND

E. T. King returned Saturday from a trip to the coast. Frank Bryan of Fort Lauderdale came with him and spent the day with the L. D. Bessent family. Mrs. Roy Walker and two children of Terra Cell came Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cromatie. Mrs. Ross Winne and children spent Tuesday evening at South Bay. Mr. and Mrs. F. Herbert, who have been living on the Reed Bryan farm, moved back to the east coast last week. Homer Crockett, Lawrence Bessent, Wilton Winne and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cromatie went to Belle Glade Saturday evening. The community pumps have been going steadily for the past ten days and most of the land is out of water now. The dikes are holding very well with the exception of a small break in the Bessent dam, which was quickly mended.

J. D. Lee returned home from Miami this week. He reports selling 10 acres of his land on Torrey Island to Frank McEade of Miami. Mr. McEade expects to have the land diked this coming season. Ross Winne guided a party duck hunting over the week end. In the party were W. N. Turner, Stafford Beach and cousin and Mr. Fender. They landed at Canal Point Sunday with 55 ducks in Turner and Gum's yacht, piloted by Captain Grove Kelly.

GLADES WEATHER

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending December 21, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
12	80	54	----
13	81	52	----
14	80	53	----
15	80	56	----
16	81	56	----
17	80	53	----
18	81	53	----
19	81	53	----
20	80	59	----
21	80	59	----

H. P. PETERSON,
Cooperative Observer.

GLADES REALTY TRANSFERS

W. D.—H. R. Rust and S. H. Rust, wife, to L. B. Holley and wife, lot 4, block 88, Okeelanta.
W. D.—H. R. Rust and wife to L. B. Holley and wife, nwl-2 of nwl-4 of sec. 5-45-36, and nwl-4 of nwl-4 of sec. 9-45-36.
W. D.—Harry Benson and wife to P. B. Loxahatchee Co., s. 495.1 feet of lot 2 and n. 694.2 feet lot 3, sec. 10-45-43.
W. D.—Okeechobee Fruit Lands Co. to John H. H. E. tracts 79, 81, 82, and 112, sec. 34-44-36.
W. D.—John O. Henry, Jr., and wife to W. A. W. R. R. Co. nwl-2 of nwl-4 and nwl-2 of nwl-4 of sec. 2-39-37.
W. D.—Eli Luman, single, to Anna C. Uehart, w1-2 of nwl-4 of nwl-4 of nwl-4, also w1-2 of nwl-4 of nwl-4 of sec. 25-44-42, also w1-2 of nwl-4 of nwl-4 and nwl-4 of sec. 9-44-37.
W. D.—W. H. Lair and wife to I. M. Lair, lot 12, Ridgeway Beach, and north 2 acres, tract 8, and part of land between lots 12 and 13 to Lakeside blvd. in sec. 18-42-37, also el-2 of nwl-4 of nwl-4 of nwl-4 exclusive right of way 100 feet of sec. 22-42-37.

MAKING NEW ROAD OVER GLADES COUNTY PRAIRIE

Progress is being made on the construction of a road from Moore Haven to the Highlands county line by way of the Maines house and Palmdale, the Glades County Democrat reports. Foreman Cox has made three miles of rough bed with a grader and Foreman Bonbow has right of way cleared ahead of the grading crews. There is some dredge work on this stretch of road which has not yet been started, but which will be done in the very near future in the effort to get this road to working as soon as possible as it provides a direct connection with the scenic highway to the north and to Fort Myers on the west.

SHIPPING ISLAND BEANS

Large shipment of string beans are being made from Kraemer Island by the buyer by John B. Beach and Turner & Gunn. J. W. Weeks of Delray is the buyer.

BUILDING DEPOT

Frame for the F. E. C. depot a mile south of Canal Point is going up. Work shut down Wednesday night for the Christmas holidays but will be resumed early next week.

\$300 REWARD

I will pay a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who dynamited the Pahokee Drainage District dike last week, and I will pay \$200 reward for the conviction of any person or persons who at any time tamper with any of the dikes or ditches of the district.
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